

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

FAIR ACCESS PROTOCOL 2024/25

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member APPROVED the proposed Fair Access Protocol for 2024/25.

(ii) Reasons for decision

- The local authority is required to have a Fair Access Protocol (“the Protocol”) in place that all schools must participate in.
- The proposed Protocol meets the requirements of the 2021 DfE School Admissions Code and supporting guidance.
- The Protocol will ensure that vulnerable and unplaced children can be placed in school quickly where they are unable to secure a place through the normal in-year admissions procedure.
- When seeking to place a child under the Protocol, no school will be asked to take a disproportionate number of children who have been permanently excluded from other schools, who display challenging behaviour, or who meet one of the other categories set out in the Protocol.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

None

Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)

None

Decision taken by:

(i) Name: Clare Curran

(ii) Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning

Date of Decision: 23 July 2024

Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 23 July 2024

Date decision effective (i.e. 5 working days after date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee): 30 July 2024

